PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOW:

1.   (Currently Amended) A portable digital video player~~,~~ system, the system comprising:

a storage medium for storing compressed video information in a proprietary format;

a media decoder for transforming the compressed ~~input~~ video information ~~presented~~ in a proprietary format into non-proprietary format compressed video information, and decompressing the non-proprietary compressed video information into decompressed audio and video portions;

a user input device for instructing the media decoder to retrieve from the storage medium and decompress a selected item of ~~non-proprietary~~ compressed video information into the respective decompressed audio and video portions;

a video display for displaying the decompressed video portion received from the media decoder ~~in real time~~; and

at least one of a speaker and a headphone jack for reproducing the decompressed audio portion received from the media decoder ~~in real time~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player~~ system ~~according to~~ as in ~~claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the user input device and display are integrated into a ~~touch~~ touch-screen display.

3.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player~~ system ~~according to claim~~ as in Claim 1, wherein the media decoder transforms ~~input~~ the compressed video ~~data~~ information from a proprietary format comprising a header portion and a video content portion, to a ~~nonproprietary~~ non-proprietary compressed video format,

wherein ~~by copying a~~ the video content portion ~~of an input proprietary compressed video file~~ is copied to a separate memory location, and

wherein ~~by not copying a~~ the header portion ~~of the input proprietary compressed video file~~ is not copied to the separate memory location.

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4.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player according to claim~~ system as in Claim 1, wherein the media decoder transforms ~~input~~ the compressed video information from ~~a~~ the proprietary format to a ~~nonproprietary~~ non-proprietary compressed format by decrypting the ~~input~~ compressed video ~~data~~ information, and ~~prior to storing~~ stores said non-proprietary compressed video information.

5.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player according to claim~~ system as in Claim 1, wherein the media decoder transforms ~~input~~ the compressed video information from a proprietary format to a ~~nonproprietary~~ non-proprietary compressed format and stores the ~~nonproprietary~~ non-proprietary compressed format on the storage medium.

6.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player according to claim~~ system as in Claim 1, wherein the media decoder receives and stores ~~proprietary~~ the compressed video information in the proprietary format on the storage medium, and
        wherein the media decoder transforms and decompresses the ~~proprietary~~ compressed video information in the proprietary format from the storage medium ~~on the fly~~ to provide the decompressed audio and video portions.

7.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player of~~ system as in Claim 1, wherein the storage medium has the capacity to store at least 20 Gigabytes of the compressed video ~~data~~ information.

8.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player of~~ system as in Claim 1, wherein the ~~nonproprietary~~ compressed video information is in ~~a~~ at least one format selected from the group consisting of MPEG-1, MEG-2, MPEG-4, MPEG-7 and AVI.

9.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player of~~ system as in Claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising: a unitary, ~~nonhinged~~ case for containing the storage medium, the media decoder, the user input device and the display.

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10. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable digital video player of~~ system as in Claim 1, ~~and~~ further comprising: a case having a first panel and a second ~~panels,~~;

wherein the first panel ~~of the case containing~~ contains the video display,

wherein the second panel ~~of the case hinged to the first panel and containing~~ contains the media decoder and the storage medium, and

wherein the first panel is coupled to the second panel.

11. (Currently Amended) A self-contained portable media player system ~~for receiving compressed digital audiovisual data files from a personal video recorder, each of said files having a proprietary header~~, the system comprising:

a port for receiving ~~input~~ compressed digital ~~audiovisual~~ audio-visual data files, each of said files comprising a proprietary header and video content;

a media processor coupled to the port for receiving the ~~input~~ compressed digital ~~audiovisual~~ audio-visual data ~~files,~~;

wherein the media processor ~~removing~~ selectively removes the respective proprietary header from each file ~~by~~ and provides for copying video content of the file to ~~another~~ an alternate memory location,

wherein the media processor ~~thereby producing~~ produces at least one standard format compressed digital ~~audiovisual~~ audio-visual files;

a read/write ~~nonvolatile~~ non-volatile memory unit, coupled to the media processor, for storing ~~the~~ said at least one compressed standard format digital ~~audiovisual~~ audio-visual files;

a video display for providing a visual presentation coupled to the media processor;

at least one audio output device coupled to the media processor; and

a user interface coupled to the media ~~processor,~~;

wherein the media processor ~~retrieving~~ selectively retrieves and ~~decompressing~~ decompresses at least one selected compressed digital ~~audiovisual~~ audio-visual file responsive to the user interface to create decompressed audio and video data streams, ~~and~~ and

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wherein ~~transmitting~~ the decompressed audio and video data streams <u>are</u> respectively <u>transmitted</u> to the audio output device and the <u>video</u> display ~~for play~~.

12.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable media player of~~ <u>system as in</u> Claim 11, ~~and~~ further comprising<u>:</u> a ~~unitary, nonhinged~~ case for containing the media processor, the ~~nonvolatile~~<u>non-volatile</u> memory unit, the <u>video</u> display and the user interface.

13.   (Currently Amended) The ~~portable media player of~~<u>system as in</u> Claim 11, ~~and~~ further comprising<u>:</u> a case having first <u>panel</u> and <u>a</u> second panel~~s~~<u>;</u>

       <u>wherein</u> the first panel of the case ~~containing~~<u>contains</u> the <u>video</u> display,

       <u>wherein</u> the second panel ~~of the case hinged to the first panel and~~ ~~containing~~<u>contains</u> the media processor and the ~~nonvolatile~~<u>non-volatile</u> memory unit<u>, and</u>

       <u>wherein the first panel is coupled to the second panel</u>.

14.   (Currently Amended) A system for <u>"</u>time-<u>shifting"</u> and <u>"</u>place-shifting<u>"</u> the playback of a video data file, <u>the system</u> comprising:

       a personal video recorder for storing ~~timeshift~~<u>"time-shift</u>ed" video data,

       <u>wherein</u> a port on the personal video recorder <u>provides</u> for transmitting at least one selected data file of the ~~timeshift~~<u>"time-shift</u>ed<u>"</u> video data in a proprietary compressed format;~~and~~

       a self-contained portable player for playing back said at least one selected data file, the player ~~including~~<u>further comprising:</u>

       a port for receiving said at least one selected data file in the proprietary compressed format;

          a media processor coupled to the port for transforming the received data file from ~~the~~<u>a</u> proprietary compressed format to a ~~nonproprietary~~<u>non-proprietary</u> compressed format;

       a read/write ~~nonvolatile~~<u>non-volatile</u> memory unit coupled to the media processor for storing the data file in one of the proprietary <u>format</u> and the ~~nonproprietary~~<u>non-proprietary</u> format;

a <u>video</u> display coupled to the media processor;

at least one audio output coupled to the media processor; and

a user interface coupled to the media processor,

<u>wherein</u> the media processor ~~retrieving~~<u>retrieves</u> a stored compressed data file responsive to a command from ~~the~~<u>a</u> user interface,~~,~~ <u>and</u> ~~decompressing~~ <u>decompresses</u> the compressed ~~date a~~<u>data</u> file to decompressed video and audio data ~~streams and transmitting the data streams~~ respectively <u>coupled</u> to the <u>video</u> display and the audio output ~~for play~~.

15.   (Currently Amended) A method for <u>"</u>time<u>-</u>shifting<u>"</u> and ~~place shifting~~<u>"place-shifting"</u> a compressed digital ~~audiovisual~~<u>audio-visual</u> data file received from a ~~personal~~ video recorder, the data file having a proprietary header, <u>the method</u> comprising ~~the steps of~~:

copying portions of the data file other than the header to yield a non-proprietary compressed ~~audiovisual~~<u>audio-visual</u> data file;

storing the non-proprietary compressed ~~audiovisual~~<u>audio-visual</u> data in <u>a</u> read/write ~~nonvolatile~~<u>non-volatile</u> memory unit;

receiving a user instruction via a user input device;

~~responsive to the user instruction,~~ decompressing the compressed ~~audiovisual~~<u>audio-visual</u> data file ~~in real-time~~ to obtain decompressed video and audio data streams <u>responsive to the user instruction</u>;~~and~~

displaying the video data stream on a <u>video</u> display ~~in response~~<u>responsive</u> to the received <u>user</u> instruction~~,~~; ~~and~~<u>and</u>

outputting at least one audio data stream to an audio output.

16.   (Currently Amended) A method for ~~place shifting~~<u>"place-shifting"</u> ~~audiovisual~~<u>audio-visual</u> information recorded <u>in a proprietary format</u>~~by a personal recorder~~, <u>the method</u> comprising:

receiving compressed ~~video~~<u>audio-visual</u> information ~~from the personal video recorder in a proprietary format~~ <u>in the proprietary format</u>;

transforming the compressed ~~video~~ audio-visual information from the proprietary format into ~~a nonproprietary~~non-proprietary compressed audio-visual information~~format~~;

storing the non-proprietary~~transformed~~ compressed ~~video~~ audio-visual information as a media file on a portable rewritable ~~nonvolatile~~non-volatile memory;

retrieving and decompressing the media file ~~in response,~~responsive to a command from a user input device, into decompressed audio and video information;

displaying the decompressed video information ~~in real time~~ on a video display; and

outputting the decompressed audio information ~~in real time~~ to at least one of a speaker and an audio jack.

17.   (Currently Amended) A method for ~~place-shifting~~"place-shifting" ~~audiovisual~~audio-visual information using a portable digital video player, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving compressed data in a proprietary format ~~from a personal video recorder~~;

storing the received compressed data as a media file on a ~~portable~~rewritable ~~nonvolatile~~non-volatile memory;

retrieving, transforming and decompressing the media file into a decompressed video stream and a decompressed audio stream ~~in response~~responsive to a command from a user input device ~~of the player~~;

displaying the decompressed video stream ~~in real time~~ on a video display of the player; and

outputting the decompressed audio stream ~~in real time~~ to at least one of a speaker and ~~a~~ an audio jack of the player.

18.   (Currently Amended) A ~~Self~~self-contained, portable apparatus for ~~place-shifting~~"place-shifting" ~~audiovisual~~audio-visual information recorded ~~by a personal video recorder~~in a proprietary format, the system comprising:

means for receiving compressed video information in ~~a~~the proprietary format ~~from the personal video recorder~~;

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means for transforming the compressed video information into ~~nonproprietary~~non-proprietary compressed video information;

means for storing the ~~nonproprietary~~non-proprietary compressed video information on a ~~portable~~rewritable ~~nonvolatile~~non-volatile memory;

means for retrieving and decompressing the ~~nonproprietary~~non-proprietary, compressed video information into decompressed video and audio streams;

means for displaying the decompressed video stream ~~in real time~~on a video display; and

means for outputting at least one decompressed audio stream ~~in real time~~to at least one of a speaker and an audio output port.

19.   (Currently Amended) ~~Self~~A self-contained, portable apparatus for ~~place-shifting~~"place-shifting" ~~audiovisual~~audio-visual information recorded ~~by a personal video recorder~~in a proprietary format, the system comprising:

means for receiving compressed video information in ~~a~~the proprietary format ~~from the personal video recorder~~;

means for storing the ~~proprietary format~~compressed video information in the proprietary format on a ~~portable~~rewriteable ~~nonvolatile~~non-volatile memory;

a user input device;

means for retrieving the stored, ~~proprietary~~compressed video information from the rewriteable non-volatile memory responsive to a command from ~~a user of the apparatus~~the user input device;

means for transforming the retrieved, compressed video information from the proprietary format into ~~nonproprietary~~non-proprietary, compressed video information; ~~and~~

means for decompressing the ~~nonproprietary~~non-proprietary, compressed video information into decompressed video and audio streams;

means for displaying the decompressed video stream ~~in real time~~on a video display; and

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means for outputting at least one decompressed audio stream ~~in real time~~ to at least one of a speaker and an audio output port.

20.   (Withdrawn as non-elected with traverse)

21.   (Withdrawn as non-elected with traverse)

22.   (Withdrawn as non-elected with traverse)

23.   (New) The system as in Claim 1, wherein the media decoder transforms and decompresses the compressed video information on-the-fly.

24.   (New) The system as in Claim 1, wherein the compressed video information in the proprietary format is received from at least one of a Personal Video Recorder (PVR), a personal computer, over a local-area-network, over a wide-area-network, and a wireless source.

25.   (New) The system as in Claim 1, wherein the compressed video information in the proprietary format is encrypted utilizing algorithms according to the proprietary format, and
            wherein the media decoder utilizes decoding algorithms matched to the
        proprietary format.

26.   (New) The system as in Claim 25, wherein the compressed video information in the proprietary format is received from a Personal Video Recorder (PVR), and
            wherein conversion from the proprietary format to the non-proprietary format is
        performed responsive to the receiving from the PVR to the storage medium.

27.   (New) The system as in Claim 6, wherein the media decoder transforms and decompresses the proprietary compressed video information to decompressed audio and video portions.

28.   (New) The system as in Claim 6, wherein the media decoder transforms and decompresses the compressed video information in the proprietary format from the storage medium, on-the-fly.

29.   (New) The system as in Claim 9, further comprising:

> a cradle providing for coupling to the portable digital video player system, the cradle further comprising:
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> > a video data input port for coupling the compressed video information;
> >
> > a digital video data output port coupled to the digital video data input port;
> >
> > an analog audio-visual input port for receiving an analog audio-visual signal,
> >
> > an encoder having an input coupled to the analog audio-visual input port for producing a digital video data signal representative of compressed video information responsive to receiving the analog audio-visual signal;
> >
> > an output of the encoder coupled to the digital video data output port; and
> >
> > an audio-visual output port coupled to the analog audio-visual input port.

30.   (New) The system as in Claim 29, the cradle further comprising: a storage medium within the cradle for storing compressed video information coupled to at least one of the digital video data output port and the digital video data input port.

31.   (New) The system as in Claim 29, the cradle further comprising: a decoder having an output port coupled to the digital video data input port, wherein the decoder decodes at least one compressed video information signal into an analog audio-visual signal.

32.   (New) The system as in Claim 11, where in the compressed digital audio-visual data files are received from a personal video recorder.

33.   (New) The system as in Claim 11, wherein the compressed digital audio-visual data files are transferred via wireless means.

34.   (New) The system as in Claim 11, wherein the read/write non-volatile memory unit is at least one of a hard disk drive, an optical disk drive, semiconductor memory and a magnetic disk drive.

35.   (New) The system as in Claim 11, wherein the port for receiving is comprised of at least one of a connector, a wireless receiver subsystem, and an optical drive subsystem for receiving an optical storage disk.

36.   (New) The system as in Claim 12, further comprising:

a cradle providing for coupling to the portable digital video player system, the cradle further comprising:

a video data input port;

a digital video data output port coupled to the digital video data input port;

an analog audio-visual input port,

an encoder having an input coupled to the analog audio-visual input port for producing a digital video data signal responsive to receiving analog audio-visual;

an output of the encoder coupled to the digital video data output port; and

audio-visual output port coupled to the analog audio-visual input port.

37.   (New) The system as in Claim 36, the cradle further comprising: a storage medium within the cradle for storing compressed video data coupled to the digital video data output port and the digital video data input port.

38.   (New) The system as in Claim 36, the cradle further comprising: a decoder having an output port coupled to the digital video data input port, wherein the decoder decodes at least one compressed video data signal into an analog audio-visual signal.

39.   (New) The system as in Claim 14, wherein the video data signal is transmitted via wireless means.

40.   (New) The method as in Claim 15, wherein the decompressing of the compressed audio-visual data file is performed on-the-fly.

41.   (New) The method as in Claim 16, wherein the compressed audio-visual information is received via wireless means.

42.   (New) The method as in Claim 16, wherein the receiving is from a personal video recorder in a proprietary format.

43.   (New) The method as in Claim 17, wherein the compressed data is received via wireless means.

44.   (New) The method as in Claim 17, further comprising: receiving the compressed data in the proprietary format from at least one of a Personal Video Recorder (PVR), broadcast programming and a data connection.

45.   (New) The system as in Claim 18, wherein the compressed video information is received via wireless means.

46.   (New) The system as in Claim 19, wherein the compressed video information is received via wireless means.

47.   (New) The system as in Claim 19, wherein the audio-visual information is received from at least one of a Personal Video Recorder (PVR), broadcast programming and a data connection.